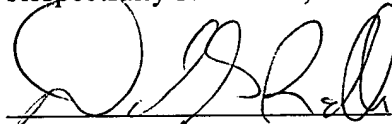


Remarks

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 31, 2006. Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1-13, for further prosecution. Applicant also elects Species I, Fig. 1 (multiple strips) for further examination. Claims 1-5 and 7-13 read on Fig. 1 with claims 1-4 and 7-13 being generic to all of the species. Claims 6 and 14-16 are withdrawn from consideration with the understanding that claim 6 will be allowed if a generic claim from which it depends is allowed. Applicant further reserves its right to file a divisional application for any non-elected claim not allowed.

In view of the above elections, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13. No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if such fees are due, including any fees for an extension of time to respond, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel G. Radler", written over a horizontal line.

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